

Blues and Gospel tour to perform at West Charlotte Senior High

### Saturday Night, Sunday Morning Makes Exclusive Appearance

Saturday Night and Sunday Morning is the name of a black heritage tour coming to Charlotte for one performance on Saturday, October 25, at 7:15 p.m. at the Clinton L. Blake Auditorium, West Charlotte High School.

Sponsored by the Afro-American Cultural Center and the Second Ward Alumni Foundation, the tour will present blues and gospel music, juba dancing and story-telling. Presented by the National Council For The Traditional Arts (Washington, DC), it will travel nationally during October and November.

Four groups of performers notable for quality and adherence to black heritage are presented. The moderator is "Bowling Green" John Cephas. A Virginia-born musician and actor, Cephas ties the varied elements of the performance together with an informal and sometimes humorous commentary that tells of sources and explains the intricacies of the traditions. Cephas also performs in the blues segment with his long-term partner, Phil Wiggins. Called "one of the outstanding living exponents of the Pictoriant guitar style" by New York Times critic Robert Palmer, Cephas has a deep and resonant voice. During the past five years he and Wiggins have performed in 32 nations in Europe, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean - as well as in numerous cities in the U.S.

Juba and buck dancers John Dee Holeman and Quentin "Fris" Holloway preserve dances that reach through centuries in the south and beyond, to Africa. They are also musicians. Holloway performs a melodic form of early jazz on piano or guitar. Holeman is a blues singer-guitarist with a repertoire that ranges from classic Piedmont pieces to the more aggressive Delta clues. They are seasoned performers whose travels have ranged from Carnegie Hall to the National Theatre in Bangkok.

The Badgett Sisters perform in the oldest gospel style. They use no instruments other than their voices; their songs are rooted in the two most important black institutions, family and church. Trained in singing by their father who learned from his parents, the Badgetts keep this family heritage vibrantly alive.

The storyteller is Celestar Sellars. Her stories about little animals with the problems of men once instructed and amused children. They told how wit and quick thinking could overcome powerful opponents. They offer a fascinating glimpse of a black educational system that existed when there was no other.

North Carolina singer Algía Mae Hinton is a delightful reminder that women have been a vital part of the black music era from the beginning. Ms. Hinton has a repertoire that ranges across two centuries and includes buck dancing; she never misses a beat as the music flows from her guitar and her feet tap out the rhythm of songs familiar but long forgotten by many.

Saturday Night portions of the performance are devoted to acoustic blues, juba and buck dancing and

### Musical

The Local chapter of Delta Sigma
Theta Sorority will present, a
musical production, "World" on
Sunday, October 26, at West
Charlotte High School Auditorium at
6 p.m.

The play is based on the Bible and portrays the wickedness of man. Donations are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. For more information, call Lucille Batts, 392-9857.

### Halloween Carnival

There will be a Halloween Carnival at Bethlehem Center on Thursday, October 30, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. There will be games and activities for the entire family to enjoy including a Haunted House.

Cost for games is 25 and 50 cents; Haunted House is \$1.

storytelling. Sunday Morning explores the rich experience of gospel music. The two traditions share much from common roots and were, in turn, the seedbed for the growth of more recent forms: jazz, ragtime, tap, and the pop music of the last 50 years.

Tickets for the October 25 performance are available at a cost of \$5 (\$4 for senior citizens and students)

through the Afro-American Cultural Center, 374-1565, or from members of the Second Ward Alumni Foundation.

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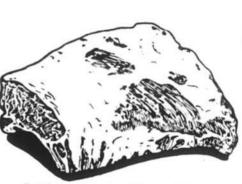
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